

TOWN OF ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JUNE 21, 2010

Minutes

Members Present: David Hussey, Chairman
Loring Carr, Member
Steve McMahon, Member
Peter Bolster, Member

Others Present: E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator
Kenneth Roberts

I. CONVENE – Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

D. Hussey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Under New Business, Transfer Station Collection was added as item 8. The agenda was approved as amended.

III. PRESENTATION – Richard Jones – Levey Park

David Hussey presented Mr. Jones with a plaque commemorating his years of service as a Trustee of Levy Park from 1998 to 2010. Mrs. Jones was given a bouquet of flowers. Mr. Jones thanked the Board and spoke briefly of his time as a trustee.

Public Hearing

Coffin Brook Road Reconstruction

Ken Roberts, the Town Road Agent, spoke about the reconstruction to Coffin Brook Road. He briefly synopsized the project and the concerns. He spoke about trees to be removed from the roadside; the wood will be moved to a location on the property if the owner chooses. Members of the public voiced their concerns. Mr. Bob Cleary of 332 Coffin Brook Road asked if the road will be wider; it will not be widened except for drainage swales. He also asked about times when the road may be closed; it may be closed for 3-4 weeks at the bridge and again for 2-3 days when the other culvert is put in. Mr. William Tothill of 347 Coffin Brook Road asked how the wood would be cut; the length of the cuts will be discussed with each individual landowner. He also asked which trees are to be cut; the trees to be cut are marked with an orange dot. If there are particular trees the landowner would like to discuss, they should call Kenny very soon. Peter Ejariken, landowner, asked if any new trees would be replanted; they will not. He also asked if there would be any other infrastructure put in there; there will not. He asked how old the bridge is and why it was not designed in such a way as to eliminate the problem they are having now. Ken Roberts explained that they designed the bridge as the Department of Environmental Services allowed. In some places, the road will be brought up as much as 40 inches. Mr. Ejariken asked about equipment storage on his property; ideally the equipment will be stored near people's homes to help cut down on vandalism. Stephanie Ridial-Philabot of 283 Coffin Brook Road thanked the Board and Ken Roberts for their attention to this road. She spoke about the speed at which people travel the road and asked if there is any consideration for posting the speed limit; the speed limit will be posted at 30 MPH. Peter Bolster mentioned that the Smart Radar could also be put there to remind people to lower their speed. She also asked if there is any mitigation planned for the Route 140 bridge; there is none at this time, but they are trying. She asked when the cutting will begin. Ken stated that the bid will go out within the week; there will be a 30 day waiting period after that before the work begins. She also asked if there is going to be a new culvert at the end of her driveway; Ken will be looking at that. She asked about the hours; the work will mostly be between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. She asked about the timing; if grant money becomes available, the road will be shut down and the work will be done this year. If not, the tree cutting and stumping will be done this year; the tearing up and grinding will be done in the spring. Dust control will be in place. Mary Soucy has a stone wall she is concerned will be damaged when the trees start coming down. Ken Roberts assured her that care will be taken to avoid damage, and any damage done will be repaired. Mary Roberge of 418 Coffin Brook Road has two trees – one pine and one oak – that provide screening. Ken told her that the pine will probably go, but he will look at it. The oak has a

better chance; he will look at that one as well to see if they can work around it. Mr. Ejariken asked about stump removal and reseeded; stumps will be taken out and the sides of the road will be graded and reseeded. He also asked about runoff control rocks along the sides of the road; Ken answered that they do not retain water anywhere. He also asked about who will be doing the work; town employees will be doing all of it except the actual paving and grinding.

The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was closed. There was a short recess after which Ken Roberts asked to be able to put the trees out to bid after meeting with the landowners. The bid will come before the Selectmen for final approval. Motion was made by Peter Bolster, seconded by Loring Carr and passed with all in favor.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th of July Fireworks will be July 3, 2010 at 9:30 p.m. at Lake Winnepesaukee. The rain date will be July 10, 2010.

Alton Old Home Days Fireworks will be on August 14, 2010 at 9:30 at Lake Winnepesaukee. The rain date will be August 15, 2010.

Household hazardous waste disposal will be July 10, 2010 at the Transfer Station from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Flyers delineating what can be brought are in the Town Hall. There will be another collection September 11, 2010 which will also include medicines.

Beginning July 8, 2010, the Town Hall will be open Thursday evenings (except holidays) until 7:00 p.m. The town clerk, tax collector, assessing office, building/code enforcement, planning department, and town administrator will be available at the later hours.

V. SELECTMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Energy Committee has met; they need a secretary. On a motion by David Hussey seconded by Loring Carr, the Select Board voted unanimously to have the Energy Committee post this position.

Downtown Redevelopment Committee is meeting; Railroad Park and work on the recreational trail and how it will tie into the sidewalk coming up Route 28 from the Traffic Circle are part of their discussions. Milfoil application will be done in September.

The Recreation Department has hired Justin Kantar, a local resident and volunteer with the fire department.

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In reference to 4th of July, a DJ has offered to play music in conjunction with the fireworks. There were no objections from the Board.

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Ken Roberts, the Highway Agent, spoke about the reconstruction to Coffin Brook Road; it probably will not be finished this year. The town engineer is working on a study to make sure the culverts are sized properly.

Muchado Hill Road has been grinded and graded. The two inch binder coat is going in tomorrow (Tuesday, June 22). Driveways and shoulders will be blended temporarily until the finish coat is done.

The dirt section of Stockbridge Corner Road is being worked on. Some of the culverts have been installed. They are waiting on a DES permit for the intersection culvert. There are several drop inlets that are on site. Paving was discussed; Ken thinks they are going to stop at the last house because New Durham might be closing their end of the road. They will be another eight weeks to finish here, then go right to Coffin Brook Road.

The overlayment for Quarry Road and Hollywood Beach Road are going out to bid.

The estimate for Bay Hill Road is \$92,500 not counting the environmental side or what has already been spent. They are looking for help from the state; right now the state is not committing any real funds.

Ditching and calcium chloride applications are continuing.

Loring Carr asked if there are any agreements with landowners to park the equipment at jobs. There are not; Kenny knocks on doors and people are usually very receptive to keeping an eye on the equipment. Satellite locations for stockpiling crushed rock were discussed; the Board will pursue this idea.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT I

Cindy Balcius of 229 Prospect Mountain Road has submitted a comprehensive complaint about a Hawkers and Vendors permit that is going to be dealt with in Non-Public Session. Her complaint deals with numerous site plan violations over the last two years; she also questions whether the Hawkers and Vendors License meets the state statute.

Peter Bolster mentioned that two local students had competed in the New England Regional Track Championships. Caitlin Hussey competed in shot put and set a new personal best. Isaac Fithian competed in the mile and came in second.

Jim Forsythe, a candidate for the State Senate, introduced himself to the Select Board.

IX. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2010 Workshop Session. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Loring Carr made a motion to approve the May 19, 2010, Public Sessions I and II and sealed minutes. Motion was seconded and passed unopposed.

Loring Carr made a motion to approve the May 21, 2010, Workshop, Public, and (sealed) Non-Public minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unopposed.

Loring Carr made a motion to approve the May 26, 2010 Workshop and Public Session minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Loring Carr made a motion to approve the June 3, 2010, Workshop, Public Session I and II, and (sealed) Non-Public minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There are two separate bid items for the Highway Department. One is for gravel, sand, stone, and rip rap; there were five bids with K & B Crushing the low bidder recommended by the Highway Department. David Hussey made a motion to accept the bid from K & B Crushing for the gravel, rock, etc., as previously amended. Peter Bolster seconded the motion which passed unopposed. There is also a bid for a power washer; there is only one bid even though the bid went out twice. David Hussey requested putting this off until next week so he can research to see if this is a good price. The specs will also be reviewed. Loring Carr made a motion to table this item pending further research; motion was seconded by David Hussey and passed with all in favor.

The design for the Traffic Circle will be finalized in July; bids will go out thereafter with a starting date after Labor Day. No real traffic issues are noted for the fall. Sidewalk construction from the cemetery down around the Circle and up to the traffic light, and out to the bridge on Route 28 is going to be starting. The town will be responsible for maintenance of the sidewalks. There was discussion concerning the cost of moving the water line. David Hussey made a motion to authorize the Town

Manager to sign the agreement between the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Alton; Peter Bolster seconded the motion which passed with three votes in favor and Steve McMahon opposed.

The Landfill Monitoring agreement and groundwater monitoring for the contamination at the landfill were discussed. This agreement covers the annual reporting. Loring Carr made a motion to allow Russ Bailey to sign the Landfill Monitoring Agreement. David Hussey seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Dog License Warrant - Steve McMahon made a motion to forward the warrant to the Police Department; Peter Bolster seconded and the motion passed unopposed.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan – This four year old plan has been updated; this has to be on file and approved in order to file for mitigation grants. NH Emergency Management and FEMA have already signed off. David Hussey made a motion to approve the Hazardous Mitigation Plan as presented; Peter Bolster seconded. Discussion concerning the need to update some of the names of individuals listed and to look at some of the locations and hazards. The motion passed without opposition. There was a motion to authorize changes of a clerical nature (updating names, locations, etc); motion was seconded and passed unopposed.

GIS Statewide System – Tom Sargent is spearheading this. This is a free opportunity; our digitized tax map databases will be supplied to the Department of Revenue Administration to be part of a statewide mosaic. Tom Sargent will check on the issues of what is public and what is not in regard to this project.

Disposal of Town Property –The plastics compactor has gone out to bid with no takers. There is an offer for \$500 for the plastics compactor. Loring Carr made a motion to put the tire machine, the organ and bench, the countertop, the desk and top, and the safe (once opened) out to bid. The printers will be disposed of and the plastics compactor will be sold for \$500. The motion was seconded by Steve McMahon and passed unanimously.

Approval of Land Use Items as Recommended by Assessing Office – Moved to Non-Public

Signage Request – There is a request for an additional stop sign on Alton Mountain Road. After discussion, the Selectmen tabled this discussion pending further clarification and site visit. This will be reopened and discussed at the next meeting.

Clara Barton Society Red Cross Plaque – The Town has been presented with the Clara Barton Society plaque in thanks for donations over \$1,000.

Steve McMahon has noted that there are appliances and tires being disposed of on the roadsides. He is suggesting two free disposal days. Russ will check with Scott Simons for impact on revenue/materials.

XII. PUBLIC INPUT II

There was none.

XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by David Hussey seconded by Loring Carr, the Board entered into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a), (b), and (c). A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. The Board entered non-public session at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tetreau
Recorder, Public Session

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David Hussey, Chairman_____

Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chair_____

Stephan McMahon, Selectman_____

Peter Bolster, Selectman_____

R. Loring Carr, Selectman_____

Minutes Approved: July 19, 2010